

- 1) Next Event Probably by the time that most of you will receive this newsletter, all preparations for Greenfield Village will be complete. This is one of those unfortunate events where preregistration is a must and it is very difficult to insert new people just before it starts. The dropout of Hubbardton from the calendar makes the Greenfield event that much more exasperating as I am sure that quite a large number of members would have opted to go there if we could extend registration.

For those of you who go, good hunting at this popular event which improves every year.

- 2) Prescott, July 19,20,21- Fort Wellington

I know that many of you have grown tired of the Prescott scenario which is very hard to adjust due to restrictions of local geography and because of this you may not attend this year.

I would ask that you not give in to this temptation. We have a few new wrinkles that we've worked out to inspire you and besides it's a great opportunity to see the guys again.

For those missing bayonet scabbards, there will be a supply of Cpl. Zubatiuk's finest available. In addition, a supply of fine tin lanterns at reasonable prices will be offered for sale.

In the spirit of the Yorktown Officers' Soirée of 1981 and the Baker's Snipe Hunt of 1983, the Yorkers will conduct another madcap adventure involving the whole unit.

Similar to our previous nonsense fun, this new effort is military in nature. This event will be a competition between all of the Regt's elements which will prove to be hilarious. Don't worry, nothing too strenuous, just good fun and lots of laughs. This concept will rank right up there with the other two so you won't want to miss it.

The element which manages to win this competition will win the justly famous Sir William Johnson Cup which legend tells us was the container from which the good Baronet took his very last draught of ale and is not, repeat not, the container which he kept under his bed.

So all Light Bobs, Grenadiers, Hatmen, Gunners, Rainmakers, Followers, and Staff get ready. It's in your hearts, souls, minds and feet to win this proud Cup.

- 3) Safety

As most of you will by now know, the disastrous artillery accident which befell Senior Fort York Guardsman, Mike Fuhrmann has resulted in the loss of his right hand, severe damage to his left, the searing of his lungs and extensive burns to his face. The current hope is that new technology will prevent scarring of the face and expectations are that Mike will have little or no permanent loss of sight or hearing.

Many of us know Mike as a Right Section recruit whose first event was the Trenton Bicentennial in 1984. Due to heavy commitments at the Fort he has not been active this season with the Yorkers.

We also know Mike as an experienced soldier and artilleryman. Contrary to any suggestions which may come out in the press, nothing that Mike would have been doing that night would have been casual and his procedures would have been precise and correct.

This brings me to my point. If a seriously minded, highly trained soldier can experience such an accident, then us amateurs have much to think about.

We often advise new personnel of the dangers of Black Powder and we hope that all of our words of caution sink in. Black Powder is the most dangerous and fickle of all propellents. It must be treated with great respect. The slightest spark from plastic clothing, floating on the air from someone else's musket discharge, jumping from cartridge loading equipment will set off the powder. That's why you are advised to expose only small amounts during cartridge preparation.

cartridges smoking and
And obviously, smoking while loading/or tolerating people/standing about while you load is idiotic.

Also, our emphasis on correctly loading your muskets when you're in the ranks is not just for pomp and circumstance, it's for safety.

So, a plea for all ranks, old guard and new, let's sharpen our respect for Black Powder. And most important, offer our thoughts, indeed our prayers for Mike's return to health and his recovery from such a brutal wound.

4) Ensigns

From Regimental Headquarters in Chateaugai, Quebec Major James Gray announces the promotions of two senior Yorkers to the duty of Ensigns.

These two men will assume these roles at all events where the Colours of the Regiment are fielded. For times when the Colours are not being utilized, they will return to their Sections and do service as Gentlemen Volunteers, ie. Private Soldiers of means with aspirations to a Commission. (Moreau as L/Cpl)

As senior Ensign, Musketeer Syl Haase of the Right Section.

As junior Ensign, L/Cpl. Dan Moreau of the Centre Section.

Haase will carry the King's Colour. In those instances where Lieut. Bourget carries a Colour, the seniority of his rank will give him the King's Colour and the Regimental Colour will be supported by one of the Ensigns.

I must emphasize to all troops that the Ensigns as the bearers of the Honour of the Regiment will receive all due respects according to their status as Officers when they are accoutred for that rank.

5) Alzheimer's Disease Donation

To all members who thoughtfully assisted in a donation to the Society for the defeat of Alzheimers Disease in memory of my mother who died recently, I would offer my thanks. This terrible affliction was virtually unknown 3-4 years ago and now seems to be heard of all too regularly.

Again, my family's thanks for your thoughtfulness.

6) Promotion

Due to the unfortunate absence of the popular Paul Muirhead, Capt. Severin of the Light Company is pleased to announce the promotion of Robert Andrews to the rank of Corporal of that Company. Sjt. Lorenzen will pass on his ratty old knot to Bob who will now grace his coat with same.

Cpl. Andrews served in his new capacity at Black Creek and his conduct at that time was so outstanding that he was mentioned in Sir John's report to Governor Haldimand in Quebec City.

7) Leather Work

Having developed more than my fair share of callouses and jabbed fingers from manufacturing waistbelts, slings, stalls, etc..., I can readily offer my vote of thanks to Sjt. Reg James, Grenadiers who has assumed the chore of fashioning much of our leatherwork as a result of Andy Curr's temporary absence. This offer of Reg's time, effort and talent at no charge to the Regiment's recruits results in some very significant savings.

For instance, the Regiment sells waistbelts at \$8.75 and the same item obtained from a leading U.S. supplier, after exchange, shipping & duty sells at \$69.00. Enough said?

8) Kampfollowers Korner

All distaff fashion hounds take heed: Cyd and Nancy are attempting to 'do up' a goodly number of patterns to be available for Prescott. For those who have recently joined the legion of pulchritude (a.k.a. the Third Battalion - Yorkers), we will have introductory kits prepared.

Should anyone wish patterns or information in the meantime, please contact Cyd Paul at 592 Water St., Apt. #2, Peterborough, Ont. K9H 3M8 705-748-2618. (this is Cyd's 378th address in 6 months and is rumoured to be permanent for at least 2 weeks)

A relevant campfollower quote from Peter Kalm, Travels into North America, Vol. III, London, 1770, p. 81

Kalm in speaking of the Canadian women called them industrious as a rule though there were some who "like the English women in the Colonies did nothing but prattle all the day." Was he visiting a Yorker cantonment??

As Colonel of the Regiment, I would like to make an editorial comment. I would strongly encourage all new campfollowers to take the time for a little bit of research into patterns and cloth types before launching into the expense of buying materials and spending time to prepare kit. Rudimentary clothing is quite easy to prepare and not too expensive; however, mistakes are all too easily made and \$\$ and time wasted. Nancy and Cyd are compiling a large selection of patterns and have cloth sources to recommend. Nancy is in Toronto at 593-6455.

9) New Events & Event Reminders

Sweet Liberty, Long Island, NY July 24 to August 5

Here's something different that you may wish to get involved in. Confidentially, this is the filming of a full length feature film in which George Woodbridge is the Technical Advisor and BAR members are extras. Michael Cane plays the role of Banastre Tarleton of the famous iter regiment of the Queen's Rangers and therefore of the Yorkers, The British Legion. Allan Alda is another key actor.

As extras you will get paid and this is the confidential element of the event. Payment of \$50 real money per day will be made through the Brigade and will reach you through intricate means months after the filming. However, to avoid income taxes and union dues, no one in the Govt. or the Acting fraternity is to know that anything other than a donation to the Brigade is taking place. ie. when you cross the border you are simply attending a BAR historical event!

See the attached BAR notice. All who wish to attend, please for sure phone Dick Reeves in Toronto as he will develop a Muster Roll & coordinate vehicles, tentage, etc.. Dick's new phone number is 635-0734. (Tronto)

Ball's Falls Historical Park, Vineland, Ont. Sunday July 28

This is a new location which Sjt. Glen Smith has turned up. Located near Jordan, this collection of historic buildings is similar in intent to Black Creek and similarly is on excellent tactical ground. Glen feels it is even more challenging!

The event on July 28 would be exploratory and lead to a full blown affair next year. Their Staff need to see us in action and we need to recomitre the ground.

As Service Rifle members have a gigantic 20th Anniversary event the day before, we will rely on those not involved in that extravaganza to do the job at Ball's Falls.

Phone Glen to get instructions and timing- 416-468-2619

Fergus Highland Games, Fergus, Ont. Saturday, Aug. 10

For those not involved at the big WW II event for the Museum of Applied Military History at Niagara-on-the-Lake, Glen Smith is suggesting joining the Gun Crew at Fergus. Central to this event, a small tactical is held and Glen assures me that a good time is had by all.

An Infantry element from the Yorkers would be very welcome. For details, please phone Glen at the above number.

Tactical Exercise, Kingston; Live Ball Shoot, Frankford Sept. 7&8

Having missed our annual tactical scheme for the last two years, we are hoping to revive this good fun event on the above date. For those who have not attended previously, this is a war game between Yorkers & other Canadian units using fieldcraft and Light Inf. tactics. There is no audience. The event is strictly for the participants.

That evening, we have a big party and tell war stories. Gerry about the Boer War and Syl about the trenches at Verdun.

The next day we drive to just north of Trenton for a shooting competition with lead ball. Proper range facilities and procedures are available. It is not uncommon for some Yorkers to attend one of these events and not the other. Of course, the choice is yours.

Dan Moreau will please immediately contact the 84th and the King's Rangers to get their commitment to attend.

Battle of Oriskany Commemoration, Sept. 13, 14 & 15 Rome, NY

This one is shaping up very well. As mentioned previously, the Crown troops will be stationed at Fort Stanwix in Rome and will garrison that post. A bus will move us to Oriskany where on both days we will attack the rebels.

As Oriskany was the Yorkers' bloodiest engagement and resulted in the devastation of the Tryon County Militia, I don't think you will want to miss these recreations and a working tour of Stanwix which we invested & failed to reduce and of the ground and monument at the battlefield site.

10) Welcome to the Following New Members who have taken the Field in 1985

Right Section: Richard Chretien; James Johnson; Brock Dittrick;
Warren Simpson

Centre Section: Keith Lindsey; Burt Hewitson

Left Section: Dave Kirby; Dan Craig (from the King's Rangers & 84th);
Ian Anderson (from the position of Ensign); Ian Hooper

Grenadiers: Ken Paterson; Tom Jovanovic

Lights: Andrew Henry; Eric Henry

Gun: John Butler

Followers: Veronica Sherwood (King's Rangers); Lynn Tomlinson;
Clarissa Johnson; Sarah Bourget; Cecile Paterson; Sue
Richardson

11) Resignations in 1985

Right Section: Ben Woodley; Brian Connoy

Centre Section: Chuck Baker

Left Section: Al Van Esch; Tim Stark

Grenadiers: Geoff Woodhouse

Mortar: Pete Warden

Followers: Barb Edwards

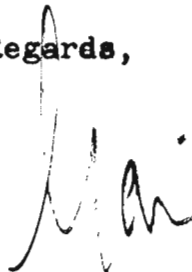
12) Your Regimental Debt

This unit, like many businesses and a few governments, does not operate on air. We are again in need of cash to stay afloat. Please note your personal debt and send immediately a cheque or money order made out to the King's Royal Yorkers.

Your debt is \$ **141.73**

Please, please do not assume that your amount owed is meaningless! We need cash to survive.

Regards,



SWEET LIBERTY

There are still openings for good, properly turned-out troops of all kinds. All will receive the same considerations: \$50 per day, a good film crew lunch plus, probably, coffee & donuts type stuff before the usual 0600 shooting day, and possible discount meal tickets for town eateries. In addition, on-site medical coverage and workman's comp.

Dates- A- Arrival/Briefing on Tuesday, June 18

- Filming on Wednesday, June 19 & Thursday, June 20
- Requirements- 50 U.S. Regulars, 10-14 Musicians

B- Arrival/Briefing on Wednesday, July 24

- Filming on Thursday, July 25 & Friday, July 26
- Requirements- 100 U.S. Regulars & Music, 50 British, Dismounted Light Dragoons, Infantry & 30 Camp Followers

C- Arrival/Briefing on Monday, July 29

- Filming (Battle) on Tuesday July 30, Wednesday July 31, Thursday August 1, Friday August 2 & Monday August 5. Please note: The Battlefield camp must remain intact during weekend of August 3 & 4 for filming Monday Aug.5.
- Requirements- Artillery; 1 Gun, 2 Crews (8 men each), 4-5 British Dragoons; 4-5 Loyalist ditto; 4-5 U.S. ditto, 200 U.S. troops; 125 British ditto, 40 Camp Followers, Working U.S. camp & all that entails: marquees, tents, flies, lean-to's, with activities such as cooking, music, laundering & mending of clothes, foraging, wood chopping, drilling, practicing barbers & surgeon.

*** Note *** Consistency of appearance is important! Those in more than one session of filming should be careful to keep appearance of hair and clothing- dirt, repairs (or lack of) etc. the same. Inspections for anachronisms will be done- for both men and women- none will be allowed.

Registration- Upon arrival you must sign in with Deborah Mills or an assistant at the Pallottine offices. It is by this record one gets paid!!

Equipment- 100 rounds should be brought the first day of filming. Powder will be provided each night following, so bring plenty of cartridge paper to roll them, each night, for use the next day.

Clothing- It is suggested that men bring whatever uniforms they own. For women, campwear is most appropriate, but those desiring to bring other dress might find it useful (depending on what the film people want to see)

Camp- Firewood, water, washrooms/portosans, straw & E.M.S. will be provided. There will be a lunch served on filming days for all & possibly some coffee & donuts prior to each day's shooting. There will be space for a modern camp as well as an 18thC camp - also an 18thC American camp on the filming battlefield. Those who will stay over the weekend of August 3/4 & camp their tent on the filming battlefield will receive \$25 - This is just a short walk from the Pallottine Estate where the showers etc. are (a few hundred yards) Space will also be available in the Pallottine building for those with only sleeping bags. In the event of rain, shelter will be available.

Medical/ Personal Comfort- Ticks are abundant this summer. The best repellents are those containing 30% DEET which provides 92% protection. The products that contain this chemical include: 6-12 Plus, OFF & Muskol. Apply this stuff everywhere possible- exposed & unexposed areas. Wear clothing over as much of the body as possible.



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You will be working in a wide open field for long periods of time so a sunblock is definitely in order.
If you have a medical condition or an allergy to medication please let us know.

Travel Directions- The site is located on the grounds of The Pallottine Estate, a few miles North-West of Sag Harbour, L.I., N.Y.
FROM THE NORTH & NORTH-WEST: you want to get on the Long Island Expressway (495, East). Get off at exit 70 (Manorville Rd.) South. Follow signs for N.Y.27 East; which you take. Proceed on 27 East through some towns, turns etc to town of Bridgehampton. At the Veterans' Memorial monument (stop light here) go left (county road 79). Proceed along this pleasant road to Sag Harbor (79 becomes Main St.), go through town to large flag pole/stop sign. To the left (about 10 o'clock) is the bridge you take. Follow signs to Shelter Island. Rte. 14 North. After about 5-6 minutes on 14N it forks- go straight (yellow flashing lights here) You are now on Tyndall Road. Proceed on Tyndall till you reach a "T" - turn right You are now on Sunset Beach Ave. Look for two ponds; one on either side of the road - take the road on the left immediately after the left pond. Follow this road (take no turns and disregard the "no trespassing" signs) to a large brick building which is the Pallottine offices . Please register on arrival!!
FROM THE SOUTH / N.J. TPK- Take exit 13 (Verrazano bridge-Rt.278) Cross Staten Island and go over the Verrazano bridge-UPPER LEVEL. Take exit for Kennedy Airport/Belt Pkwy from left lane. Proceed East to Southern State Pkwy EAST. Get off at exit 44 onto Rt 27 East follow as above.

Watch for "Brigade" direction signs near Sag Harbor !

For additional information, assistance, rumor squelching, etc., please contact:

Col. George C. Woodbridge
260 McClean Avenue 718-981-9509
Staten Island, NY 10305

NOTE WELL- Persons not yet registered, and who plan on appearing in this film are advised to send a postcard with name, address & phone #- and- the dates you plan to be present, to the above address. Thank you.

Emergency number at Sag Harbor is 516 725-9000

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